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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(1)   Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following paragraph:

[0005]   An ISH is a hardware component that links business or residential user devices such as telephones and computers to the broadband, wide area network through a plurality of user interfaces and at least one network interface. A suitable ISH is described in co-pending U.S. ~~Pat. App. No. 09/226,575~~ Patent No. 6,272,553 entitled "Multi-Services Communications Device," ~~filed on January 7, 1999 (Sprint docket number 1246)~~ issued on August 7, 2001, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. The network interface typically is a broadband network interface such as ADSL, T1, or HDSL-2. Examples of user interfaces include telephone interfaces such as plain old telephone system (POTS) ports for connecting telephones, fax machines, modems, and the like to the ISH; computer interfaces such as Ethernet ports for connecting computers and local area networks to the ISH; and video ports such as RCA jacks for connecting video players, recorders, monitors, and the like to the ISH.

(2)   Please replace paragraph [0037] with the following paragraph:

[0005]   At step 212 each module which receives a check function call, e.g. POTS module 51, performs the check function. Each module starts by reading the new configuration file in flash memory, or at least by reading the parameters which affect it.   Then each module compares the new parameters to the previously stored parameters to see if any changes have actually been made. Each parameter used in a module is designated as to whether or not it can be dynamically changed or requires a system reboot. Each module completes the

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check function process by reporting back to the update module 53 that it needs

to reboot or does not need to reboot. A reboot is required if a parameter change

is needed and it is one which requires reboot. A reboot is not needed if there is

no parameter change or ~~and~~ the change which is needed can be made

dynamically, i.e. without a reboot.

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